

Automobile News

Owners have been treated the past week to something which is entirely new in Richmond—the united manufacturers' show and demonstration.

They showed the practical side of many new devices and appliances, recording a large number of orders for wind shields, speedometers, lubricants, etc.

The exhibit was an exact duplicate of that shown at both New York shows.

It is announced that a gigantic \$16,000,000 corporation has been organized under the name of the United States Motor Company, embracing the manufacturers of several famous types of cars.

This will in no way affect the individual policies of these concerns, however.

There is considerable speculation among the Richmond dealers and owners as to what will be the outcome of the legislation pending governing the license of automobiles. Several bills are up offering license fees ranging from \$3 to \$50 annually.

The Richmond Automobile Club is actively advocating a reasonable sum, which it favors being devoted to road improvement entirely, through the State Highway Commission. It is their hope that no action will be taken which would tend to discourage this industry, as it is adding wonderfully to the commercial and civic development throughout the entire State.

The Richmond Automobile Club and its members have in the six months past made cash donations amounting to over \$2,000, to be used in road improvement in Henrico and Chesterfield counties.

This action on their part, almost unselfish, is certainly anything other than selfish.

It is conservatively estimated that a macadam road from Richmond to Washington would be the means of bringing to this city from other States at least 2,500 cars annually. The advantages of this condition would bring about more than apparent.

Richmond is fast becoming recognized as the logical distributing point for automobiles within the central eastern section of the South. One of the local companies has recently been induced to add to their present territory for the coming season the greater portion of North Carolina. Reported inquiries from West Virginia indicate that the two States named are already looking to Richmond for these goods, as is the case in other lines of trade.

It is further reported that a wholesale automobile supply house will soon be one of Richmond's assets, and there being no institution of this nature between Washington and Atlanta, it may naturally claim as its territory these same States of Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas.

UNION PLANNED OF ALL ATHLETICS

Promoters in Larger Cities Would Include Entries on Field and Track.

MARATHON CRAZE STARTS IT

Such a Body Would Assist in the Classifying of Men.

New York, February 12.—The proposed formation of a professional athletic association is growing in favor, and the recently announced fifteen-mile professional race in Madison Square Garden has revived interest in the affair. Several informal meetings have recently been held by prominent professional athletes, and while nothing definite has been determined upon it is a well established fact that the formation of an organization to control professional athletics is under way. Whether or not the movement will result in the formation of an association to control all forms of professional field and track athletics remains to be seen.

The movement is not confined to New York, as it is known that there are a number of professional athletic promoters in Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, and Chicago, who are favorably disposed toward this movement and stand ready to lend financial assistance to the project. It is their belief that such an organization is needed in this country to control this branch of athletics. Within the last few years contests between professional athletes have been increasing rapidly in numbers.

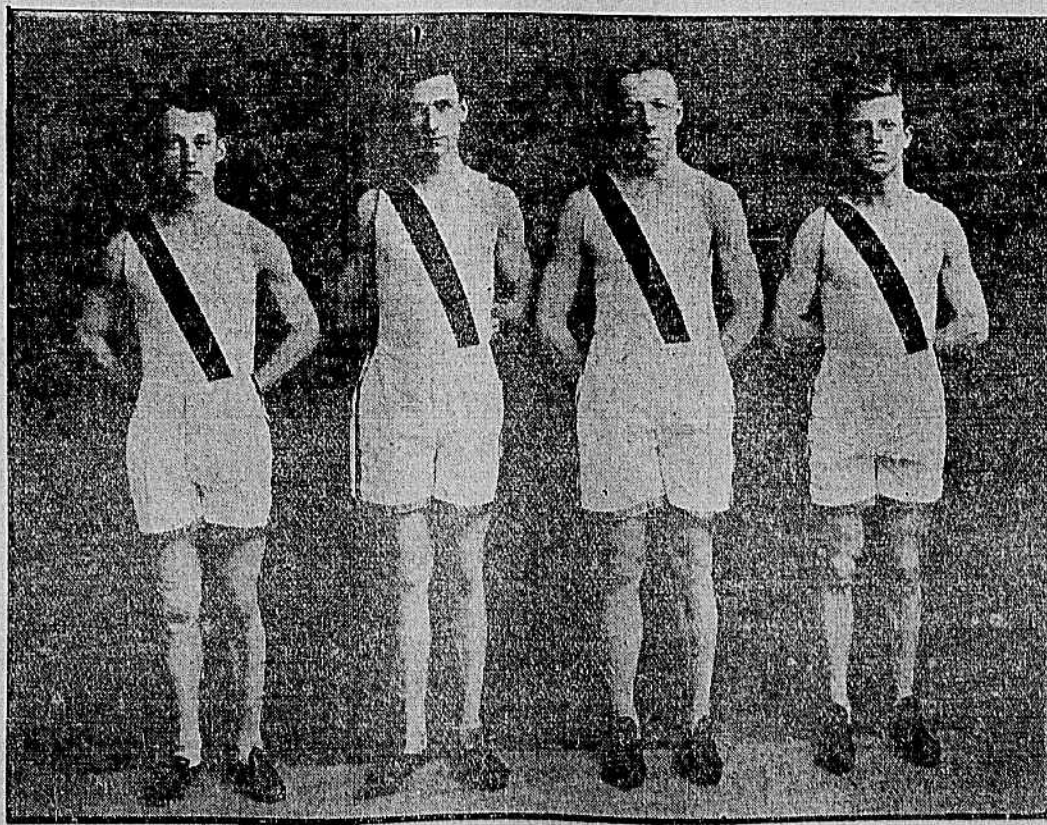
Started by Marathon Craze. The Marathon craze, which developed as a result of the Olympic contest run in London during the summer of 1908, opened the eyes of the promoters regarding the financial possibilities of the game. Throughout Europe the story is an old one, and professional races at distances ranging from 100 yards to fifteen miles are numerous. In England some of the professional sprinting events have grown to be classic.

Entries ranging between 100 and 200 in number are not uncommon, and heavy wagers is a prominent feature of the contests. Several American sprinters, famous during their college careers, have competed in these events. Two decades ago professional sprinting was popular in the Eastern States, and annual events patterned after the Sheffield and Powderhall handicaps in England, attracted big fields. The absence, however, of any controlling body led to "crookedness" on the part of the promoters, and the sport died out. Since that time professional events have been practically confined to the Hibernian, Scottish and English games.

Recent Change in Conditions. The last few years, however, have brought about a remarkable change in the conditions in the professional ranks. The acquisition of such sterling athletes as Harry L. Hillman, Jr., Lawson Robertson, John J. Hayes, T. Crowley, James J. Lee, Matt Maloney, Charles Mueller, Nat C. Carmell and others has established a nucleus for a powerful professional organization. Although a professional athletic league would in no way conflict with the Amateur Athletic Union, it is understood that the latter organization would prove beneficial for amateur athletes. It would mean the drawing of a sharp line between the amateur and the professional, which it has been impossible to do for some time past. This has been a necessity in amateur athletics for many years, and with a professional league honestly operated it would leave no alternative for the athletes but to come out flat-footed for one organization or the other.

Harvard Defeats Dartmouth. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cambridge, Mass., February 12.—Dartmouth went down before the Harvard hockey seven this afternoon in an intercollegiate contest in the Stadium rink, by the score of 6 to 0.

RICHMOND COLLEGE RUNNERS



LEFT TO RIGHT—BRISTOW, CAPTAIN; VAUGHAN, SUTHERLAND, TAYLOR.

VIRGINIA'S FIRST RELAY TEAM



Left to right: Top row—H. H. Lannigan, athletic director; Gooch, substitute; Harrison, manager. Left to right: Lower row—Stanton, Wiltshire, Douglas, Goodwin.

AUTO CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

Virginia Will Be Well Represented in Body at Sessions This Week.

The Virginia Automobile Association, of which Joseph E. Willard, president, will send a representative delegation of motorists to the national legislative convention, which meets in Washington the last three days of this week under the auspices of the American Automobile Association. Those representing Virginia will be H. H. Lannigan, of the Tidewater Automobile Club; J. H. Marshall, of the Roanoke Automobile Association; C. B. Richardson, of the Richmond Automobile Club; William E. Barrett, of the Peninsula Automobile Club, and M. C. Watts, of the Valley Motor Club.

Coming within a month of the big convention in Washington of the National Civic Federation, which was devoted to the highly important subject of uniform laws, this legislative convention, which will be solely devoted to the needs for uniform and more equitable automobile legislation, will be perhaps the greatest public demonstration of the sort ever seen in this country towards securing favorable legislation for an industry which has suddenly assumed gigantic proportions in the commercial life of this country, while vitally affecting the comfort and convenience of thousands of individuals.

Invitations extended on behalf of Charles Thaddeus Terry, chairman of the legislative board of the A. A. A., to the Governors of all the States in the Union, have met with the most favorable response. Official representatives have been appointed by the Governors of nearly twenty States, in many cases these delegates including the Secretaries of State and the State Highway Commissioners; there is showing the increasing interest in the subject of automobile legislation and the apparent willingness of the various States to enact harmonious laws. From the automobile clubs throughout the country, as was naturally expected, the response has been highly satisfactory, and the delegates named from scores of clubs, as well as many State automobile associations, include most of the prominent motorists who are well known as earnest workers for the best interests of automobilism.

FUTURE OF CLUB UP TO DIRECTORS

Question of Site for New Building Is Being Considered.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 12.—The Lynchburg Boat Club has had its fire loss adjusted, and the money for the recent fire, which destroyed the clubhouse on the James River, is now to the credit of the club. Just what to do with this \$3,000 is a question that the board of directors has not been able as yet to solve, and the board is very much divided over the future of the popular organization. It is believed, however, that in a few days, or weeks at the most, an agreement will be reached by which a new location for the club will be decided upon. Three distinct propositions are under consideration by the directors, and one of them will soon be decided upon. One of these suggestions is to buy a location for the club just above the site of the burned building, the property being known as the Goff property.

The second proposition is to buy the bluff just above the unfinished bridge of the Southern Railway, and the third is to purchase a portion of the island opposite the old site and locate the clubhouse on the island, thus making a ferry necessary.

In event the directors decide to buy the island site it will only be after determining to add the Country Club features to its privileges, and this would include camp sites as well as tennis and other games. It is expected that the directors will be able to agree on a plan in time to have the club ready for the beginning of the season, late in April or in May.

League at bat. All three other infielders are veterans and fixtures, though new here. They are Gaston, of Chat-

BRIGHT BASEBALL OUTLOOK AT A. & M.

Nearly All Applicants for the Team Were in the Squad Last Year.

Raleigh, N. C., February 12.—The prospects for the Agricultural and Mechanical baseball team this season are unusually good. Most of the men of last year's team are back, and quite a number of new men are beginning to show up well. Frank Thompson has been connected with the college athletics for the past four years, as coach, and preliminary practice was started several weeks ago under his guidance and supervision. Sexton, undoubtedly the best college pitcher in the State, is captain of the team. His pitching has been phenomenal. Not only will Sexton be a good player as pitcher, but also as the captain as captain. His three years' experience on the baseball team will stand him in good stead and make him the best captain the team has ever had. The schedule for this spring, which has not been completely arranged as yet, will be published about the first of March.

Interest in Track Athletics. The track squad, under Captain J. M. Sherman, of Ash Grove, Va., is now getting in some good work, and the prospects for a winning track team are very encouraging. The discus throw and the two-mile run, both standard field day events, have been added to the list of events. It is being understood that other colleges with whom we have meets will also take on these events.

The team is now laboring under a great hardship of having to drill three times a week, but as a committee has been appointed by the faculty to look into this difficulty, it is hoped by the student body that the track men will be excused from drill. The cross-country run scheduled for February 19th has attracted much attention, and quite a good deal of interest is being shown by the students, also the merchants of Raleigh, who have offered several prizes to the winning contestants. There are about twenty entries for this week. A complete schedule of meets will be published about the first of March.

TO CONTROL LAWN TENNIS.

American Association of Clay Court Players Recently Formed.

New York, February 12.—A new lawn tennis organization of national scope, to be known as the American Association of Clay Court players, has been formed to take control over that branch of the sport. The fact became known today upon an announcement issued by Dr. P. B. Hawk, of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., who is the president of the new association. The vice-presidency is to be filled by a Southern player. The executive committee will be composed of special representatives in all of the States and Territories.

A temporary organization was effected in this city at the time of the annual meeting of the national association. Dr. Hawk then led the forces that established the clay court championship of the United States. In order to place the newly instituted championship upon a firmer basis, the players' association has since been set on foot. Dr. Hawk, in stating the objects of the American Association of Clay Court Players, said today: "First—The organization is an association of individuals, not an association of clubs, and therefore is of an entirely different character from the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. "Second—Its purposes are: 1. To foster the interests of American tennis players and to advance the work of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. 2. To add to the carry through successful clay court championships from year to year. 3. The association stands unqualifiedly for the development of the game of tennis throughout the American continent, and any male or female tennis player of that portion of the globe is eligible for membership."

EIGHTEEN PLAYERS SIGNED BY DANVILLE

Secretary Snead Gives List of Try-Outs for Spring Practice—Many Changes Will Probably Be Made.

Secretary W. M. Snead, of the Danville baseball club, has handed out a slug of dope which will greatly interest local fans and prove of interest all around the circuit. In a word, he has announced a list of men signed up for try-outs by the 1910 Tobaccoists, numbering eighteen men, not including Wentlake, Magee and Rinehart, all of whom will probably be traded, sold or let out. This eighteen men for try-outs will be added to by the addition of two more men for whom negotiations are now pending with favorable prospects, one off-side pitcher and the other a good batting first baseman. The names of these two men are not disclosed for the present.

The management is after batters, and is letting out the weak ones. The new men signed are all good hitters, fast company and strong make stars in this league. The catching department and pitching staff are now practically complete, three of the infielders, all new here, are fixtures, and at least one of the outer gardeners.

The fans will be pleased with the definite assurance that Joe Laughtlin, last year's star catcher, who showed a tendency to join the holdout club, has now come to terms and has forwarded his signed contract to President Wells, of the league. Laughtlin is ambitious to go higher, and is expected to have a fine season. Three men classed as semi-professionals, but who come highly commended by good judges of ball players, have been signed for a try-out under the mask, and it is confidently expected that at least one of these will make good. These men are Callahan, of Baltimore, Ferris and Woods, all touted as promising youngsters.

The pitching staff will be complete when the left-handed in prospect affixes his photographic consent to the contract. Bussey, already known here, and Larry, of the Mansfield team of the Ohio League, are the only other new twirlers. Loos, Morrisey and Mayberry will again have a chance to develop big league caliber.

A strong infield. A new first baseman will certainly be signed. Schrader's batting not being regarded as a warrant for his retention. The man the magnates are after signs he is liable to lead this tanogana, at second; Larkins, of St. Louis, at short, and Manager St. Griffin at the left corner. Larkins, the new man, was carried over from last season by the broke his leg in spring practice, and was out of the game all season, but the management evidently valued him, as shown by their retention of him on their roster.

For the outfield, "Buck" Hooker, the

DONLIN MAY PLAY AGAIN.

Actor-Batter and Manager McGraw Almost Reached a Satisfactory Agreement. New York, February 12.—Mike Donlin, the hard-hitting outfielder, has all but signed a contract with the Giants, and is a pinch runner present when the Giants play their first game of 1910. Donlin and McGraw have had several conferences, and while they have not yet reached a mutually satisfactory understanding as to Donlin's salary, it is understood that there is no little cash between them and that one side or the other is sure to give in.

HARVARD TO LOSE CRACK SHOTPUTTER

Boston, February 12.—Harvard athletes are gloomy here to-day over the probability that Clarence C. Little, captain of the track team, may never put the shot again. Last spring Little won the intercollegiate championship with a heave of forty-six feet two inches, and was looked upon to repeat it again this spring. However, during the summer he practiced with a lightweight, and in snapping the weight from his right hand he injured the bone. All kinds of appliances have been tried on the hand, but have failed, and it is believed the hand can only be used in shotputting after an operation.

Georgetown Loses to Army.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] West Point, N. Y., February 12.—Georgetown's hockey team was not in the same class as the Army to-day, and the fine team work of the soldiers, combined with their deadly shooting, made it an uphill fight for Georgetown from the start until the game ended with the score: Army, 48; Georgetown, 17.

NEW HOME FOR WHITE SOX

President Comiskey to Have Ball Park Chicago, February 12.—The new home of the Chicago American League Club, at Thirty-third Street and Wentworth Avenue, will be formally opened on July 1, according to an announcement made recently by President Charles Comiskey.

"The new park will be among the finest in the land," said Comiskey, "and we will have the best of the other magnates who have built great plants during the last two seasons. The new stands and bleachers will be embedded in them all the features that have made Forbes Field at Pittsburgh and Shibe Park at Philadelphia stand out as the most magnificent ball parks in the country. In addition to this, a number of innovations will be installed that no other park can boast of."

"The opening day at the park will be the occasion for a notable turnout," said Comiskey, "and it is my plan to have every State in the Union represented by a delegate, who will be here as my guest."

"Yes, and it is my plan to have there, too," said the president.

STATISTICS SHOW THE HORSE NOT A "DEAD ONE"

Something must be wrong with the United States Government's Bureau of Statistics or else the automobile barkers are wrong. According to the latter, the horse is a "dead one." The "horrible age" is preparing to celebrate its anniversary. The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, on January 25 issued an estimate made up from reports on the numbers and values of farm animals on farms and ranges in the United States as of January 1, from which it appears that compared with January 1, 1909, horses have increased 400,000, mules increased 70,000, swine increased \$1,300,000, sheep increased 1,132,000, and in average value per head, horses increased \$1.25, mules increased \$1.25, milch cows increased \$3.42, other cattle increased \$1.52, sheep increased 65 cents, swine increased \$2.35. In total value of horses increased \$22,000,000, mules increased \$3,700,000, milch cows increased \$7,200,000, other cattle increased \$23,500,000, sheep increased \$14,600,000, swine increased \$13,300,000. The total value of all animals enumerated on January 1, 1910, was \$3,725,486,000, as compared with \$3,125,460,000 on January 1, 1909, an increase of \$600,026,000, or 19.2 per cent. Who is right and who is wrong? We are respectfully inclined to believe that the United States government is a truthful and trustworthy institution.—From the Rider and Driver.

JEFFRIES FOUGHT HIS FIRST FIGHT FOR \$7.50.

\$100,000 in 1910. The former figure is the amount that James J. Jeffries will fight for in his last fight. The latter figure is the sum he fought his first fight for. And he had to knock out his man to win it. That first fight came off in 1887 in Los Angeles, Cal. Jeff was a rookie for fair at the time, and fought another rookie just as bad. He handed the sleep punch to the guy in just three rounds. John Webb, a fight promoter of Spokane, Wash., promoted that first fight. He had to argue with Jeff a long time before he would consent to do the fight. "If he hadn't fought that first fight he would never have been champion of the world," Webb is quoted as having said.

NOT PARTIAL TO TRAVIS.

Norfolk Management Had Nothing to Do With His Appointment. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., February 12.—According to the management of the Norfolk club, President Gregory is "apologetic" in reference to the appointment of Umpire Travis. The management declares it is not interested in this appointment, does not care anything about it in any way whatsoever, and did not recommend him. It is true that men formerly interested in the management of the club recommended him, but they deny that this is any more than an interest in seeing that a good man is secured, and Travis came here highly recommended. He is not a resident of Norfolk, although he is looking around here, and it is pointed out that Umpires Slane and Ponder do the same thing in the winter time, liking the city.

CROWDS CHEER STURDY ATHLETES AT INDOOR MEET

Virginia Track Team Secures First Honors in Richmond College Games.

BALTIMORE WINS SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Stanton's Performance in Mile Run Feature of the Night. Richmond College Runners Capture Prize in Championship Relay Race. Make Good Records.

When apparently out of the running, Frank Stanton, of the University of Virginia, by a wonderful burst of speed, passed his rival, H. C. Elphinstone, of the Cross Country Club, of Baltimore, in the mile-run at the Richmond College indoor track meet in the Horse Show Building last night, and won the feature event in a style that brought the several thousand spectators to their feet. The sturdy young Virginia athlete was cheered to the echo when he rallied after collapsing at the finish of the last lap, because he had wrested victory from one of the worthiest opponents among the many representatives present.

Virginia's relay team easily defeated its rivals of George Washington University, and the apparent lack of exertion required to accomplish the feat made this race, as far as enthusiasm is concerned, much less exciting than the championship relay between Richmond College, Randolph-Macon and William and Mary. Richmond College won the race by nearly a lap, and the runners of both opposing teams fell just after the start, and gave Captain Bristow, the first of his four to start, a lead which there was never apparently any chance of losing.

University Wins. The University of Virginia won the trophy, and to the college securing the greatest number of points, while the Baltimore City College, whose representatives excelled in every event in which they participated, were easy winners of the cup in the scholastic classes. The University of Virginia and the Baltimore City College were the only teams in the summaries that the officials did not undertake last night to figure the percentages of the various schools.

There were nearly 300 entries ready when Referee Reithard called for runners in the fifty-yard scholastic event, at 8 o'clock. J. J. Patterson, of the Baltimore City College, was an easy winner in the first heat, and duplicated his performance in the next try. Fuller, of Woodberry Forest High School, was a close second. The officials carried out a determination to begin on the scholastic high jump. Timanus, of the Baltimore City College, was the superior competitor, and won out with comparative ease.

Four of the district schools were represented in the first relay race, between Randolph-Macon School, Sidney School, Stonewall Jackson School and the Stone Mountain School. The first runner, the Stone Mountain School, distanced his opponents, and although his lead was cut down, there was never any doubt of the winner after the first pair had circled the track. The 440-yard scholastic event was won by LeGato, of the Baltimore City College, by a good margin.

Larry Martin Wins Hurdles. Larry Martin, captain of the Virginia track team, as was expected, led the runners in the fifty-yard open hurdle event, and sustained his reputation as one of the best men at short distance hurdles in the first round. Martin in this, as well as in the pole vault, which he took from Captain Robbins, of Washington and Lee, and a thorough test of the relative endurance of the two rivals, was cheered loudly for his performance. The bar was at ten feet, seven inches when Robbins failed to get over.

Captain Polley, of the First Regiment, qualified in the first attempt at the hurdles, but by a misunderstanding he was not called the second time, and as his protest was not entered in time, the officials refused to reconsider the award. Polley's performance surprised his adherents. The especially disappointing feature of the meet, as far as the regiment is concerned, was the disappointing show made by its heavy marching order relay team against the Howitzers. The Howitzers were easy winners, as only one of the Regiment relay men—Krause—seemed able to clear the track under so heavy a burden, without a great effort.

Maryland Agricultural College owes its victory in the relay with Washington and Lee to the wonderful speed of W. D. Munson, the third runner for his team, who caught up with and passed G. I. Stone, who was a lead of a dozen yards by his predecessor, Satterfield. Munson, a sandy-haired youngster, gave one of the spectacular displays of the meet, and was given full credit in compliments bestowed by the officials. The event was brought in for the Marylanders by A. C. Adams.

Stanton Takes the Mile. The feature of the 880-yard scholastic event was the performance of J. Chambers, of the Covenanters, who lost out by less than a yard to E. H. Geller, of the Cross Country Club, of Baltimore. Chambers weakened, apparently, in the final lap, and but for this he might have secured first position. The sixteen-pound shot was put 35.4 yards by H. B. Ruffy, of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, who captured the first prize medal from I. H. Coker, of the University of Virginia. Coker's throw was less than an inch short of Ruffy's mark. There were seventeen entries for the mile run, open, and until Stanton took the lead, H. C. Elphinstone, of Baltimore, had kept the forefront of the field. Snyder, of Richmond College,